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LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL PACKAGE TO ORISSA
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation from Government of Orissa for a financial package in view of the current financial crisis in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The State Government has sought a Special Economic Package of Rs. 13,096 crore for Orissa over a period of five years for the following : (i) addressing fiscal distress, (ii) intensive sectoral interventions in identified thrust areas, and (iii) a massive self-employment programme.

(c): In addition to the normal flow of funds under various centrally sponsored schemes, in Annual Plan 2005-06 central assistance on 100% grant basis has been made available for schemes to redress regional imbalances including Rs. 250 crore for the Special Plan for the undivided Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput(KBK) districts and Rs. 75 crore under the Backward Districts Initiative. Further, Rs. 68 crore has been allocated as one time additional central assistance.